

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-31 (Cancelled)

32. (Original) An acid dye laminated pigment, in which a dye/water-swellaable clay mineral complex, which having opposite charge to the charge of a base powder, is coated on the surface of the base powder, and a polybase and an acid dye are intercalated in between the layers of the water-swellaable clay mineral of the dye/water-swellaable clay mineral complex.

33. (Original) The acid dye laminated pigment according to claim 32, wherein one or more layer of the acid dye /water-swellaable clay mineral complex is further laminated on the surface of the acid dye laminated pigment, and a layer of an ionic molecule, which having opposite surface charge to the charge of the acid dye/ water-swellaable clay mineral complex. exists in between the each layers of the acid dye/ water-swellaable clay mineral complex

34. (Previously Presented) The acid dye laminated pigment according to claim 32 wherein the primary particle diameter of the water-swellaable clay mineral is 1 μm or less.

35. (Previously Presented) The acid dye laminated pigment according to claim 32, wherein the average particle diameter of the base powder is 0.1 to 1000 μm .

36. (Previously Presented) The acid dye laminated pigment according to claim 32 wherein the surface of the acid dye laminated pigment is further treated to be hydrophobic.

37. (Original) A producing method of an acid dye laminated pigment comprising; an acid dye/water-swelling clay mineral complex producing process for an acid dye is intercalated in between the layers of the water-swellaable clay mineral, wherein a polybase and an acid dye is contacted to a water-swellaable clay mineral in aqueous phase; and laminating process for the acid dye/water-swelling clay mineral complex is electrostatically adsorbed on the surface of a base powder, wherein obtained acid dye/water-swelling clay mineral complex and a base powder, which having opposite charge to the charge of the complex, are mixed in aqueous phase.

38. (Previously Presented) A pigment composition comprising the acid dye laminated pigment according to claim 32.

39. (Previously Presented) A cosmetic comprising the acid dye laminated pigment according to claim 32.